

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are all the claims pending in the present application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-6, 8-10, 13-15, 18, and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Bork (U.S. Patent No.: 6,255,800). Claims 7, 11, 12, 16, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Tada et al. (U.S. Publication No.: 2001/0018329), hereinafter referred to as Tada.

§ 102(e) Rejections (Bork) - Claims 1 and 2

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected for the reasons set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Applicant traverses these rejections at least for the following reasons.

First, Applicant submits that the present invention, as recited in claims 1 and 2, is directed to a different invention than that of Bork. The present invention is directed to a method for processing data received through a wireless channel, while Bork, on the other hand, is directed to a charging cradle and/or system for combining the function of the charging cradle with the ability to communicate wirelessly. Bork, however, is not directed to a method of processing data, as recited in claims 1 and 2.

Further, with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1¹, the Examiner simply recites the limitations of claim 1 and cites: "fig. 11, elements 42, 44 and its description" with respect to step (a); "fig. 11, elements 10, 43, and its description" with respect to step (b); and "fig. 11, 10

¹ Applicant amends claim 1, as indicated herein, for clarification purposes only.

and its description” with respect to step (c). Fig. 11, for example, is just an illustration of the coupling of components within a cradle (*see col. 4, lines 38-40*), and elements 44, 42, 10, and 43 respectively represent a radio, a powerline, a computer, and a USB hub. Nowhere, however, does the Examiner identify which of the respective elements allegedly correspond to the claimed bluetooth module and bluetooth host, for example. Yet further, even if one analyzes each of the elements cited by the Examiner with respect to the claimed bluetooth module and bluetooth host, it is evident that none of the cited elements of Bork perform at least the step (b) in which the bluetooth module informs, through a USB, that received data exists in the bluetooth module. Yet even further, Applicant submits that the limitations of at least step (c) are also not taught or suggested by Bork. Therefore, at least because each and every limitation of claim 1 is not satisfied, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over Bork.

With respect to dependent claim 2, Applicant submits that this claim is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from independent claim 1. Further, with respect to claim 2, nowhere does Bork teach or suggest at least that a request for checking whether received data exists, as described in claim 2, is executed. Therefore, at least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that dependent claim 2 is patentably distinguishable over Bork.

§ 102(a) Rejections (Tada) - Claims 7, 11, 12, 16, and 17

Claims 7, 11, 12, 16, and 17 are rejected over Tada for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Office Action.

Applicant submits that Tada is an improper prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), as Tada was published on August 30, 2001, which is after the U.S. filing date of March 15, 2001 of the present application. Applicant also notes that JPA 11-370868, from which Tada claims

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priority, was also published after the U.S. filing date of the present application, and therefore the JPA can not be used to support a 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) rejection (JPA was published on July 6, 2001). Therefore, at least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that Tada cannot be used to support a 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) rejection, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 7, 11, 12, 16, and 17.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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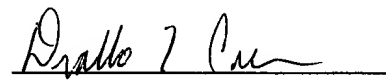
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